



# MARYLAND

## GRAIN & LIVESTOCK REPORT

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### Macros Tumble, Commodities Rally

The macro markets fell sharply this week as the Fed’s remarks and downgrades to some European debt ratings were causes for concern. The Dow is down 193.40 so far this week to end trade Thursday at 12,573.57. Oil has fallen sharply as demand concerns have driven the market down \$6.04 a barrel to trade near \$77.96 as of this writing. Gold continues to lose favor as a safe-haven asset losing another \$61 an ounce to settle at \$1,565.70 today. The dollar index has rising sharply as several European banks received downgrades to their credit ratings. Agricultural commodities have rallied in the face of the macro market selloff.

Corn has gained 6 ¼ cents on the July contract to settle at \$5.89 ½ Thursday. The market benefited from hot temperatures early in the week that drove prices to the highest level in nearly a month. Some rains have come later in the week to take some of the weather premium back out of the market. Conditions for crops in Illinois and Indiana once again showed large declines in the good-to-excellent ratings. Export sales continue to disappoint and were reported as 171,400 MT, which is up 86% from last week.

Soybeans have rallied sharply this week tacking on 59 ¼ cents to the July contact ending trade at \$14.39 today. As with corn, the conditions ratings for soybeans showed significant declines in the good-to-excellent ratings across several of the key growing states. Technically the chart landscape has begun to look much better after moving through some resistance areas. Export sales continue to run ahead of pace and were reported as 163,800 MT, which was a marketing year low.

Wheat ran up 47 ½ cents to settle at \$6.60 on the July CBOT contract Thursday. Harvest pressure is starting to subside as the key growing states of Oklahoma and Kansas are nearly completed with harvest. Productions concerns for the Black Sea region and Europe have given a reason for buyers to enter the market. Export sales added to the bullishness and were reported as 842,000 MT, which is up 94.5% from a week ago.

Bearish fundamental news has driven the outside macro markets lower this week, but the commodity markets have rallied in the face of this selloff. Weather and condition ratings have been a key driving force for the agricultural markets and will continue to be a major factor for the weeks to come. The end of the month will bring us the USDA’s Quarterly Grain Stocks and Planted Acreage reports adding to an already volatile month of trade.

### CASH GRAIN PRICE – REGIONAL (\$/bu) DEALERS AVERAGE CASH QUOTES

Grade and Commodity	#2 Y Shelled Corn		#2 Yellow Soybeans		#2 Red Winter Wheat		#3 Barley	
Date	6/12	6/19	6/12	6/19	6/12	6/19	6/12	6/19
Western, MD	6.30	6.33	13.41	13.17	6.05	6.27	4.05	4.00
Central, MD	6.34	6.63	13.85	13.83	6.06	6.50	----	3.80
Southern, MD	6.19	6.48	13.90	13.89	----	----	----	----
Upper E. Shore	6.39	6.68	13.98	13.97	----	----	----	----
Lower E. Shore	6.59	6.77	14.10	13.96	5.51	5.73	----	----

### FORWARD CONTRACT PRICE – REGIONAL (\$/bu) HARVEST DELIVERY DEALER’S AVG. QUOTES

Grade and Commodity	#2 Y Shelled Corn		#2 Yellow Soybeans		#2 Red Winter Wheat		#3 Barley	
Date	6/12	6/19	6/12	6/19	6/12	6/19	6/12	6/19
Western MD	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Central MD	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Southern MD	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Upper E Shore	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Lower E Shore	5.44	5.54	11.98	12.69	5.51	6.24	----	----

### GRAIN FUTURES - CME Group - Settle - June 21, 2012 Quarter - cents/bushel)

Corn		Soybeans		Wheat		Soybean Meal <sup>1/</sup>	
JLY12	586¼	JLY12	1438¼	JLY12	661¼	JLY12	429.0
SEP12	550½	AUG12	1423¾	SEP12	678¼	AUG12	424.7
DEC12	550¾	SEP12	1391¼	DEC12	700½	SEP12	418.3
MAR13	561¾	NOV12	1371½	MAR13	718½	OCT12	410.8
MAY13	567¼	JAN13	1370¾	MAY13	724¾	DEC12	407.8
JLY13	573½	MAR13	1331½	JLY13	726¼	JAN13	400.7
SEP13	561¾	MAY13	1313½	SEP13	738¼	MAR13	380.9
DEC13	545¼	JLY13	1312¾	DEC13	753¼	MAY13	370.9
MAR14	556¾	AUG13	1299¼	MAR14	759¾	JLY13	369.2
MAY 14	561¼	SEP13	1259¼	MAY 14	762½	AUG13	366.0

### HAY AND STRAW

#### New Holland, PA - June 18, 2012 - \$/ton

Alfalfa	Mixed Hay	Timothy	Grass	Straw	
210.00 – 215.00	120.00 – 350.00	145.00 – 290.00	100.00 – 290.00	130.00 – 250.00	

#### Westminster, MD – June 18, 2012 - \$/bale

Timothy	Timothy Mix	Grass Mix	Straw		
1.50 – 2.30	1.00 – 1.50	1.00 – 3.10	1.90 – 2.10		

POULTRY <sup>2/</sup>							
Negotiated price for truck lot of ready-to-cook, ice-pack, Grade A Fryers (\$/CWT) – Week Ending - June 23, 2012							
		Current Week	Prev. Week	Prev. Month	Prev. Year		
N.Y. Weighted Avg.		85.38	86.61	89.09	76.95		
12 City Composite		84.86	87.14	89.89	83.36		
SHEEP & LAMBS - Westminster, MD – June 19, 2012 – (\$/CWT)				GOATS & KIDS- June 19, 2012			
Sheep	57.50 – 100.00	Lambs Under 50	111.00 – 172.50	Large	140.50 – 220.00		
		50 – 80 lbs	140.00 – 197.50	Medium	109.00 – 117.50		
		90 – 130 lbs	155.00 – 170.00	Kids	75.00		
HOGS & PIGS							
DIRECT MARKET HOGS - June 21, 2012 <sup>2/</sup>			MARKET HOGS - Westminster, MD – June 19, 2012				
*Base Price Range	Carcass Basis	Weighted	Butcher Hogs	N/A	Boars		
	Base 185 lb Hog	Average			Heavyweights	22.00	
Iowa, Minn	96.00 – 106.50	99.97	Sows		Lightweights	37.50 – 55.00	
Eastern Cornbelt	97.58 – 105.00	99.59	Heavyweights	36.00 – 38.00			
* Base price is the price from which no discounts are subtracted and no premiums are added.			Lightweights	45.50 – 55.00			
MARKET HOGS-Lancaster, New Holland & Vintage, PA - (\$/CWT) - June 18, 2012 <sup>2/</sup>							
Percent Lean	Weight	Price					
49 - 54	220 – 270 lbs	74.50 – 77.00					
	270 – 400 lbs	73.00 – 76.50					
FEEDER PIGS-Lancaster, New Holland & Vintage, PA- (\$/CWT) (US 1-2)- June 20, 2012   Next Feeder Pig sale – July 4, 2012 <sup>2/</sup>							
Weight	Price	Wt Avg Price		Weight	Price	Wt Avg Price	
20 – 30 lbs	180.00 – 180.00	180.00		50 – 60 lbs	130.00 – 140.00	135.00	
30 – 40 lbs	110.00 – 110.00	110.00		60 – 70 lbs	100.00 – 130.00	115.00	
40 – 50 lbs	130.00 – 140.00	134.38					
LIVESTOCK FUTURES - CME Group - Settle (CWT) – June 21, 2012							
LIVE CATTLE – FUTURES			LEAN HOGS – FUTURES				
JUN12	116.00	DEC12	124.35	JUN12	95.60	OCT12	79.10
AUG12	116.55	FEB13	126.40	JLY12	92.13	DEC12	81.65
OCT12	120.88	APR 13	128.40	AUG12	82.00	FEB13	83.40
STOCKER – FEEDER CATTLE – (\$/CWT)							
Winchester, VA – June 18, 2012 <sup>2/</sup>			Westminster, MD – June 19, 2012				
Steers	300 – 400 lbs	184.00	Steers	200 – 300 lbs	122.00 – 168.00		
	400 – 500 lbs	170.00 – 185.00		400 – 500 lbs	115.00 – 170.00		
	500 – 600 lbs	159.00 – 170.00		600 – 700 lbs	126.00 – 132.00		
	600 – 700 lbs	146.00 – 160.00		800 – 1000 lbs	101.00 – 101.50		
	800 – 900 lbs	134.50					
Heifers	300 – 400 lbs	155.00 – 164.00	Heifers	200 – 300 lbs	98.00 – 185.00		
	400 – 500 lbs	152.00 – 160.00		400 – 500 lbs	92.00 – 128.00		
	500 – 600 lbs	146.00 – 156.00		600 – 700 lbs	98.00 – 112.50		
	600 – 700 lbs	136.00 – 145.00		800 – 1000 lbs	93.00 – 105.00		
	700 – 800 lbs	135.00 – 139.00					
SLAUGHTER CATTLE (\$/CWT)							
Westminster, MD – June 19, 2012							
Sltr. Cows			Fed Heifers				
Breakers	82.00 – 87.50		Fat	108.50 – 113.00			
Boners	77.00 – 80.50						
Thin/Slow	75.50 & Down						
			Holstein Bull Calves to Feed				
Fed Steers			#1	150.50 – 172.50			
Fat	111.00 – 117.00		#2	125.00 – 148.50			
Lean	99.00 – 108.00		#3	85.00 – 92.50			
Lancaster, New Holland & Vintage – June 21, 2012 <sup>2/</sup>							
Sltr. Steers:			Sltr. Heifers:				
Hi Ch & Pr 3-4	1335 – 1540 lbs	117.00 – 122.00	Hi Ch & Pr 2-3	1230 – 1305 lbs	114.00 – 117.00		
	1585 – 1760 lbs	109.00 – 114.00	Choice 2-3	1150 – 1500 lbs	109.00 – 112.00		
Choice 2-3	1125 – 1520 lbs	114.50 – 119.00					
Select 2-3	1145 – 1395 lbs	110.00 – 114.00	Sltr. Cows:	Percent Lean	Avg. Dressing		
			Premium White	65 – 75	N/A		
Sltr. Holsteins:			Breakers	75 – 80	84.00 – 87.00		
Hi Ch & Pr 2-3	1390 – 1545 lbs	106.00 – 108.00	Boners	80 – 85	82.00 – 86.50		
Choice 2-3	1325 – 1605 lbs	100.00 – 104.50	Lean	88 – 90	74.00 – 79.00		
Select 2-3	1290 – 1488 lbs	94.00 – 98.00					

1/ Price Unit: Dollars and cents/ton (100 tons (2,000 lbs/ton))

2/ Source: USDA, AMS

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